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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Bittner et al.	Atty. Docket:	ORT1563NP
Serial No.:	10/753,107	Art Unit:	1631
Filed:	January 6, 2004	Examiner:	Shubo Zhou
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006. It is believed that no fee is required in connection with the filing of the response. However, in the event any fees are required for the filing of this response, including fees required in connection with any necessary extension of time (for which Applicant hereby petitions), or any other fees required in connection with the instant application, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner set forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 restricting Applicant to one of the following inventions: (I) claim 1, drawn to